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**McMorris Rodgers Announces Hearing on Hydropower**

(Washington, D.C.) Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) today announced that the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Water and Power will hold a hearing in Washington, D.C. on the future role of hydropower in meeting current and future domestic energy needs. The hearing is based on a request (click [here](#) for the letter) that McMorris Rodgers made earlier this month to the Subcommittee's Chairwoman. McMorris Rodgers serves as the lead Republican on the Water and Power Subcommittee.

"In the Pacific Northwest, we have benefited from clean, renewable hydropower and I am working hard to tell the good news story about hydropower," McMorris Rodgers said. "While we understand that hydropower is clean, renewable and emissions-free, many inside the Washington, D.C. beltway need to be educated about our region's environmental success story, especially as Congress debates global climate change legislation. This hearing will provide that much-needed opportunity."

The hearing, entitled "Hydropower: Providing 75% of America's current renewable energy. Exploring its role as a continued source of clean, renewable energy for the future", will involve testimony from leading energy experts across the Nation and Pacific Northwest about why hydropower should be protected and promoted as a leading energy source. It will be held June 12th at 2 p.m. in 1324 Longworth House Office Building.

"I am very thankful to Water and Power Subcommittee Chairwoman Grace Napolitano of California for working with me on this hearing. In a very partisan atmosphere, this hearing shows that Republicans and Democrats can still come together on an important issue like this," McMorris Rodgers said.

A complete witness list and more information will be released prior to the hearing.

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